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Serial Nos. 3

Part B for ~~April~~ 25

SUBJECT

Proposal for the acquisition of surface rights over the Byrapur block by Governme

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To Director of Geology.

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FILE HEADING.

Proposals for the acquisition of surface rights over the Byramjee Block by Govt

From

The Dist Collr

No. 1665 Dated 17/3/25 Received

Diary No. 4636	Enclos. 3 Spare Copies.	Serial No.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

States that Rao Bahadur Venkatarama Chetty takes objection to the officers (Rao Sahib Venkatarama Iyer & Rao Sahib Venkatarama Iyer) carrying on work in the lands he has leased & that it is desirable to acquire the surface rights

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Subd forwarded

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17/3/25

The Dn recommends that the surface rights over portions of the Banajan area (reserved by Govt) may be acquired by Govt as the V. Manual Velu Mudaliar is objects to allow the Govt of

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Mr Venkataramiah to carry on their work of investigation - Flag K is copy of Mr Mudaliar's letter to the Dn on the matter -

2 It is clear from that letter, that by purchasing surface rights over portions of the reserved area, Mr Mudaliar's idea is perhaps if he can, to force the hands of Govt to withdraw the reservation & grant him the prospecting licence or the mining lease There is ample power for Govt to acquire surface rights over Lands in private holdings in the exercise of its mineral rights

The only course can be adopted in the above circumstances is to acquire surface rights (under sec 17. of the Act/Rules) over such portions as are in private holdings & in respect of which the owners refuse to allow the officers of the Mining Deptt to carry on the work which is considered by Govt

A draft letter to the Dn as instructed by the Rev Secy is put up for appr & other orders

Rev Secy

Revised draft put up 20/3

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Q Enclose for decision whether this block should be acquired & any objections against the block for sale & reasons why it should be undertaken necessary for the purpose of enumeration of the block in question & for the proposed

The Director may also

have recently seen the block & form some opinion as to lands. Comparison with this block are worthy of consideration but Same Rates never Rules been taken up by Govt. Do not consider it necessary for Govt to acquire any portion of the block

The Director may be asked to see also if no objection for lands in close vicinity to this block are sold or otherwise disposed of by Govt

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Refd - minute 2 above to
Ag 23/3/25 Jn appl -
the directions of the Member contained in Para 10 the meant for the Dy Com Hassan in particular are general in nature - Perhaps a copy of the comm may be sent to the other Dy Com's for information guidance
Rev Sec
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Ag 26/3
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2 To

The Director of Geology

No. 6714-D 6.4.25

With refce to dl. states that unless Govt decide to work the block in question themselves the acquisition of any surface rights on the block for Govt. is not necessary and that proceedings should not be taken merely for the purpose of facilitating the examination of the block by Geological officers.

3 To

The Deputy Commissioner Hassan.

No. 6720 D 6.4.25

Points out that the lands in the Byrapura block are mostly unfit for cultivation and some portions have already been taken by men for mining licenses and requests to obtain

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FROM

B. JAYARAM, ESQUIRE, F.G.S.,
Director, Mysore Geological Department

GENL. SECTION 18 MAR. 1925 G. D. SECTION

To

Anantharaman, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to Government of His Highness,
the Maharaja of Mysore, BANGALORE

Revenue Dept.

Geol 125-24-1

SIR,

Adverting to G.O.No.50634/Geol.87-23-22 dated 27th Jan. 25, directing, among other things, that Messrs. A. M. Sen and B. N. Venkataramaiya should be deputed to investigate certain chrome and manganese blocks, I have the honour to state that in pursuance of the order they have started work on the newly found chrome block in Kallangavi hill near Hosdurga Road Railway stations. After completing the work there they intend taking up the Bairapur area in the Channarayapatna Taluk.

2. In the mean while Mr. Sen apprehended some trouble from Messrs. The Mysore Chromite Limited and Mr. V. Manick Velu Mdr. who, it was understood, held surface rights over certain lands the Byrapur area. Accordingly letters were addressed to them and replies received. Copies of this correspondence are submitted herewith for the information of the Government. The Mysore Chromite Limited have agreed to afford the officers of this Department every facility to get on with the proposed work on the lands held by the Company, while Mr. Manickavalu Mdr. takes objection, for reason stated, to the officers carrying on work on the lands he has been holding, to any large extent beyond examination and collection of samples etc.,

3. Since Government wish to reserve the Byrapur block at present, it seems desirable to acquire the surface rights over the block

block, as well, preparatory to any work that Mr. Sen or Mr. Venkataramayya may decide to do on it.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

(Abstract from above)

1297 - 1298. 19th Feb. 1925.

Letters to

(1) Messrs. Oakley,Bowden & Co.,
M A D R AS .

(2) V. Manickavalu Mdr. & Son.
Bangalore City.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that it has been ordered by the Government of H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore that the chrome bearing area known as the Byrapur Hullenhalli block in the Channaraya patna Taluk of the Hassan District should be carefully examined by this Department and full information collected as to the quality and quantity of the ore to be obtained therefrom. Accordingly Messrs. A.M. Sen & B. N. Venkataramiah, Geologists, will be commencing work on the area very early and, as it is understood that you own the surface rights over some of the lands there, I have to request you before-hand to permit our officers to enter upon the said lands and carry on prospecting work on them if they should consider it necessary to do so. It needs no mention to you that this work is in the interests of the development of chrome mining industry in the state.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) P. A. Sreenivasa Chetty
For Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

Copy

DIRECTOR,
Mysore Geological Department.

15, Armenian Street,

Madras 20th February 1925.

FROM

Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co
15, Armenian Street, MADARAS.

T O

The Director,
Mysore Geological Department
B AN G A L O R E

S i r,

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.1297 of the 19th inst. and note that the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore desire that the Birapur-Hullenhalli block should be carefully examined by your Department with a view to full information being collected as to the quality and quantity of the ore obtainable there. We presume that this is not being done with a view to creating commercial competition by the Government or others which naturally would be objectionable to us, seeing we are so greatly interested in the Chromite industry of the State, and hold the surface rights of the land in question which we presume also will in no way be prejudiced

We shall therefore be glad to afford the Officers concerned every facility to come on to and work on the lands owned by us also to supply any information we can regarding assays etc., and we are writing to our staff to place the camp at their disposal and to render them every help possible to carry out the work they have in hand.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,

Sd. Oakley, Bowden Co.,

C O P Y.

For Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

Palace Road,

Bangalore, 24th February 1925.

FROM

V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son.

Mining Engineers and Mine Owners.

T O

B. Jayaram Esquire, F.G.S.,
Director, Mysore Geological Department,
B A N G A L O R E C I T Y.

S i r,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1298, dated 19th Feb. 1925 and to inform you in reply that while I have no objection to Messrs. Sen and Venkataramiah entering on my lands in the Byrapur-Hullenhalli block and having a look round and taking a few samples of rocks in it I cannot allow of any "prospecting" or even exploring work in it which is sure to prejudice my interests in my chrome business in several ways. As the Government are aware I acquired the surface rights solely with a view to acquire the mining rights and I am the first of the applicants for the area and I am sure the government will readily recognize how much my interest will suffer if others, including government, are allowed to meddle in any way, with my lands under reference which adjoins my Bakhtarhalli block.

I quite appreciate the intention of government to "develop" the chrome industry, though I would respectfully submit that their prospecting will any way develope the industry. I may add also that the chrome possibilities of the particular area under reference have been proved already by the work done, ore removed and royalty paid as is shown by your records. If however, the government really intend to develop the industry either by working for the ore themselves or in the interests of the mining public I am prepared to put them on equally good areas elsewhere to prove and work them even.

I wish to assure government that nothing is further from my intention than to obstruct them in their intentions. But my lands in the Byrapur-Hullenhalli adjoin my Bakhatarhalli blocks and if I should now allow even government to enter on lands and "prospect" it I feel

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Should the government think they are in any way the losers by my lands being left undeveloped the only proper course for them would be to grant me the lease which I have applied for and I am prepared to take up for actual operations atonce notwithstanding the demand for the ore is slack at present and several thousand tons are lying unsold in my other blocks. And I may add that as the holder of the surface rights I have a preferential and the sole claim for mining rights.

I trust the government will appreciate my motives and instruct their prospectors not to enter or disturo my lands in any way save for the purpose of a general look round or for some samples if they require.any.

Ofcourse government may also rely on my efforts to give them such information as they reasonably require regarding the chrome possibilities of the area which I may find interesting in the churse of my operations.

In full hope that government will appreciate my objection in a pure businesslike spirit,

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Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar,

C O P Y.

For Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

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MYSORE GEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

Bangalore 19th March 1925

(Camp) Jemapur

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Dear Mr Anantharaman,

We have been examining the Chrome deposits near the Kalangari Hill in the Hosdurga Taluk as directed by Government and it is expected the work here would be finished in course of a few days or so. On finishing the work here I intended to take up the Bairapur area, which I was instructed by Mr Banerji to examine properly, as also mentioned in the original Government Order

As you know, the surface rights over portions of the Bairapur area are held partly by Messrs Oakley, Bowden & Co. (The Mysore Chromite Ltd) and partly by Mr Manickavelu Mooda for examining the area it would be necessary to enter the grounds of both the parties as they are adjoining each other and under which

which the Chrome deposits are supposed to extend.

Letters were written by the Director of this Dept to both the parties about the examination of the area as ordered by Government and replies have been obtained from them, Copies of which have been forwarded to you officially. If they have not reached your hands already, I enclose their copies for your perusal. Please excuse hand writing, as I have no typist with me at Camp.

From the letters you will see Messrs Oakley, Bowden & Co will not raise any objection to our examining the area and will render us all possible help while Mr Manickavelu Mooth has said that he would not allow us to enter or disturb his lands in any way save for the purpose of a general look round or for some samples if required. A general look round or a few samples from the surface would be of no use to us as this has already been done previously. So it means Mr Manickavelu is bent on putting obstacles in the way of our work and some troubles would be created.

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I am informed from my Bangalore Office that the above letters have been forwarded by Mr JayaRam to Government for their information and for acquiring the surface rights over portions of the area in question. I am afraid if the surface rights have to be acquired first before the examination of the area could be commenced, it may mean considerable delay and the work may not be finished before the monsoon sets in.

I would like to take up the Bairapur area as early as possible and would have done it as soon as I had finished the Kalangavi area. But anticipating troubles there through Mr Ramichavelu Moodr I would like to wait for the Government orders on the subject; and in the mean time I would take up some manganese areas in the Holalkere Taluk.

If you think necessary, you may please inform the Member about it. I have written this

to inform you how matters stand now and would be obliged for your advice and instructions

I find no order has yet been passed about an additional peon for me, for which a letter was sent by the Director officially I shall be thankful if you can do anything in the matter early

Hope you are keeping well. We are getting on all right at Camp

yours sincerely

A. M. Lee

K. V. Ananthanarayan, B.Sc., I.A.S.
Revenue Secretary to
The Govt of Mysore.
Bangalore.

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No. 691 Dated Madras 20th February 1925

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We have etc.,

(Sd) Oakley, Bowden & Co.,
Managing Agents,
Mysore Chromite Ltd..

1325 Dated 26-2-25

(Copy forwarded to Mrs. A. M. Sen, M. Sc

Senior Geologist for information.)

(Sd.) P. Sanjiva Chetty
for Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

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19.3.25.

"Manickavelu Mansion"
Palace Road. 176
Bangalore, 24th February 1925

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Sir
Your most obedient servant,
Sd/ V. Manickavelu Mudaliyar

1399 of 9th March 1925

Copy forwarded to Mr. A Wilson, Senior Geologist for information

(Sd.) N. Sambasiva Chetty
for Director
Mysore Geological Department.

D/- 7/3/25.

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A Wilson
19.3.25.

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Date of issue——————

Signed by——————

Sir

With ref^e to your letter No 1495 17th March 25 suggesting that the mineral rights over the Banchori block may be acquired by Govt in the circumstances mentioned in your letter I am directed to request you to furnish information regard

1 total Extent of the Bainapur block
and the actual Extents (with particulars)
out of them over which surface
rights are owned by Messrs Oakley
Bowden & Co & M Manickvelu
Mudaliar

2 I am to observe that the
Acquisition of surface rights for cultivation
encroachment under the ordinary
Lakhant rules or otherwise does
not confer on them any kind of
right to the minerals on such
lands. In the present case, the
surface rights have been secured
by M Muthuswami Mudaliar for the
purpose of improving his claim for
license over the area In view
the attitude taken up by him
under it necessary to acquire
lands included in the Bainapur

I am to request you
to finish the Kolar Gold
Mining District with

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(Continuation sheet draft form.)

shewn the Bainspur Block and the extent out of it owned by M. M. Nicholson and to submit in connection with the Dy Com declaration ~~of~~ for acquiring the latter for the use of Govt. This ref^e should be treated as immediate & the decl^n ~~of~~ submitted within a fortnight

I have sent for 21/3

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Copy to the Dep^y Com^r Hamirpur for information & necessary action.

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Lieut Col Clark
Pres Red X

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Diary No. of letter replied to 1623/

No. I.C. 6720

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To The D.C. Coast, Hassan

Date of issue 5/4/25

Signed by Mr J Mawby

Sir

I have come to the notice of Govt that the lands comprised in the Byrapura Block, Channarayapatna Taluk are mostly unfit for cultivation & that no attempt has been taken by anybody or other notes made for bonafide cultivation purposes for obtaining portions eligible of assist Channarayapatna licensees after block. I am directed ~~therefore~~ to request Govt

List of enclosures

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over

forwarding Dist of Kedah

to [illegible] obtain a list of owners included in the block and to ascertain

for these lands

the Landowners ~~for these lands~~

in future matters the Secretary

of State.

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of State

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Secy. to Govt.

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